

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO BERTHA GLOTZBACH

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, on April 23, 1941, the United States was at peace, although Europe and Asia were not. Citizen Kane was to open and be hailed as the best American film ever. A new baseball season was just underway and would see Joe Dimaggio hit safely in 56 straight games. On that day, Bertha Glotzbach reported to work at the Department of Labor.

Here it is almost 61 years later and Ms. Glotzbach, a native of Topeka, KS, is ending her career in Government service. For most of her time in Government Ms. Glotzbach has worked as a secretary for the U.S. Agency for International Development and its predecessor agencies. Ms. Glotzbach was there almost at the creation—joining the Economic Cooperation Agency less than a year after it was established to implement the Marshall Plan. Through the years she has worked diligently and tirelessly in a number of different offices within USAID, most often in the Office of the General Counsel.

Ms. Glotzbach is a special person—a person whose dedication and devotion to her work has demonstrated the best of what we should expect from public servants. Over the course of her valuable service to her country she has earned the respect and affection of all who have worked with her. She has made their lives easier by the way she has carried out her responsibilities. One expects nothing less from a Kansas native, but she shines above others.

On March 1, 2002, Ms. Glotzbach will retire. USAID and the country will lose a valuable civil servant. Bertha, we wish you well in your retirement. Thank you for over 60 years of dedicated service to this country. Your Nation is grateful.●

SPEAKER ROBERT HERTZBERG'S DEDICATION TO CALIFORNIA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise to reflect on the work of California Speaker Robert M. Hertzberg, who has left the post of Speaker after presiding over the Assembly for 2 extraordinary years.

Most of all, Bob Hertzberg will be remembered as a leader at a time of crisis, first with the State's energy crisis, and then the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

When California came face-to-face with its energy crisis, Bob worked to identify the problems and craft legislation to solve them. Bob's leadership and unwavering commitment helped California to avoid blackouts and control utility costs.

On September 11, we experienced events that changed our Nation forever. Bob Hertzberg swiftly established a State Task Force on the Impact of Terrorism on California to assess what California needed to do to protect itself from future terrorist attacks. The task force heard testimony from law en-

forcement officials, business leaders, economists and health officials, and drafted thorough reports for the State Legislature.

Bob Hertzberg is a leader to create a better future for our children. In 1998, he helped pass, with the help of former Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa, what was the largest school construction bond in America's history. The \$9.2 billion bond included record funding for schools, colleges and universities. This funding helped construct more than 500 schools and modernize more than 2,000 existing schools throughout the State. On December 14, 2000, Bob introduced the Kindergarten, University, Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002, an even larger bond that would allocate \$12 billion for the construction and modernization of elementary schools, colleges and universities. Similar to the previous measure, it would help schools meet the needs of a rapidly growing student population.

Bob Hertzberg is a great representative of the San Fernando Valley and a leader for all of California. He has been a strong leader when we needed it the most. I thank Bob for his great contributions to our State over the years, and wish him well in the future.●

NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HA- DASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 90th anniversary of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

With over 300,000 members and 1,500 chapters across the country, Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's membership organization in the United States. Hadassah's mission is to promote a prosperous and peaceful Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, pursue social justice, and provide for the health, education, and well-being of American Jewish women and their families.

I would also add that Hadassah plays a central role in reinforcing the close and intimate bonds of friendship, solidarity, and shared values between the United States and Israel.

Hadassah was founded in 1912 by educator and visionary Henrietta Szold, who had long been committed to the ideal of a Jewish homeland and the Jewish imperative for social justice. After her first visit to Palestine, Szold transformed her small women's study circle into a dynamic social action committee dedicated to meet the challenges of poverty, filth, and disease in Palestine. In 1913, two American nurses set up community health and maternity care stations in Jerusalem. These health centers became the foundation of Israel's medical infrastructure.

Today in Israel, Hadassah supports the most advanced medical center in the region, comprised of two hospitals, 90 outpatient clinics, and numerous community health centers. Hadassah Medical Organization, HMO, its flag-

ship project, provides state-of-the-art health care to 600,000 patients a year regardless of race, religion, or creed, and often treats the most critically wounded in the region's ongoing conflicts.

Through the Congressionally-funded American Schools and Hospital Abroad, ASHA, program, HMO stands ready to serve American military troops should such a need ever arise. HMO sites have been visited by numerous heads of state, American Congressional delegations and administration officials, state and local leaders, and other public opinion makers.

In addition to Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah funds and maintains four other major programs in Israel and the United States:

Hadassah Israel Education Services, which provides cutting-edge technical training, retraining, and vocational guidance for all Israeli citizens;

Youth Aliya founded to bring children of the Holocaust to Palestine, now provides housing, education, and support to disadvantaged Israeli and immigrant youth;

Young Judaea, which includes clubs, camps, and programs for American teenagers to build connections to Israel and Jewish life; and

The Jewish National Fund, which supports the building of parks, plants and trees, and other initiatives to preserve Israel's ecology and natural resources.

As part of its global humanitarian commitment, Hadassah provides medical personnel and training and relief services during international health crises, including those in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda.

Throughout the United States, Hadassah members are engaged in a wide range of educational, advocacy, and community service initiatives. Hadassah's education services include women's health seminars and Hebrew language classes. Hadassah members also help to shape public opinion and policy through advocacy work on issues ranging from United States-Israel relations to first amendment protections to women's rights and health concerns. In communities across the United States, Hadassah members have also launched many projects aimed at improving the lives of women and their families. Hadassah's members are represented in every Congressional district in the United States.

Thank you, Mr. President, for this opportunity to acknowledge the contributions that Hadassah has made to the promotion of humanity, compassion, and community, in Israel, the United States, and worldwide.●

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND

• Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize the nine elementary schools throughout Maryland that were selected as Blue Ribbon School Award winners in 2001. These schools